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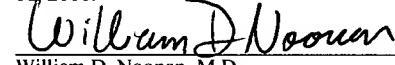
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

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In the claims:

1. (Amended) A method of making an array for performing an analysis of biological specimens, comprising:
 - obtaining [an] elongated donor specimens from a biological donor material that is to be analyzed;
 - providing a recipient member having an array of elongated receptacles, with the receptacle extending transverse to a plane of the array that is to be analyzed; and
 - placing the donor specimen in the receptacle, at [a] fixed assigned locations in the recipient [array] member, which [position] locations [is] are maintained and recorded.
2. (Reiterated) The method of claim 1, wherein providing the recipient member comprises providing an array of preformed elongated receptacles in the member.